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Anderson et al.

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For: ARTERY SMOOTH MUSCLE- AND VEIN
SMOOTH MUSCLE-SPECIFIC PROTEINS
AND USES THEREFOR

Examiner: Ram R. Shukla

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003 (Part of Paper No. 08112003), applicant hereby provisionally elects Group V, claim 39, and claims 73-86 for continued examination, with traverse. Applicants request rejoinder of Groups IV and V on the grounds that a search for one of these groups is substantially coextensive with the search for the other. This response is accompanied by a request for a one month extension of time and authorization to charge the appropriate fee.

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